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SUBJ: MERCURY PRODUCERS CONFERENCE: AN "OPEC" FOR  
MERCURY FORMED

REF: ALGIERS 1072

1. JOINT COMMUNIQUE PUBLISHED MAY 18 FOLLOWING MEETINGS  
MAY 16-17 IN ALGIERS OF MERCURY PRODUCERS ALGERIA, ITALY,  
MEXICO, SPAIN, TURKEY, AND YUGOSLAVIA, WITH CANADA AS  
OBSERVER. GROUP "UNANIMOUSLY" DECIDED TO CREATE IMMEDIATELY  
A MERCURY PRODUCERS ORGANIZATION (WHICH THE PRESS HERE IS  
CALLING "AN OPEC FOR MERCURY"). A PROVISIONAL SECRETARIAT IS  
ESTABLISHED, CONSISTING OF ALGERIAN, ITALY, AND SPAIN, WITH  
ITS SEAT AT ALGIERS, TO WRITE THE AGREED RULES OF ASSOCIATION  
AND COORDINATION.

2. COMMUNIQUE CHARGED PROVISIONAL SECRETARIAT WITH ESTABLISHING  
MINIMUM MERCURY SALES PRICE. IT IMMEDIATELY DID SO, AT FOB  
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DOLLARS 350 PER FLASK (LOCAL PRESS QUOTES CURRENT PRICE AT

AROUND DOLLARS 290), "FROM TODAY" MAY 17). THIS MINIMUM PRICE IS TO BE CHARGED "BY ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE GROUP PRESENT AT THE ALGIERS MEETING"-- THIS LEAVES STATUS OF CANADA IN DOUBT.

3. NEXT (FIFTH) MERCURY PRODUCERS MEETING TO BE HELD IN TURKEY, ACCORDING TO COMMUNIQUE. LOCAL PRESS STATES IT WILL BE IN OCTOBER IN ANKARA OR IZMIR.

4. NO MENTION OF PROJECTED PRODUCERS-CONSUMERS MEETING OR OF TECHNICAL (POLLUTION) SUBJECT (REFTEL).

5. COMMENTS FOLLOW SEPTTEL.  
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